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SUBJECT: MITRIONE/FLY/GOMIDE KIDNAPPINGS - SITREP AS OF NOON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

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1. POLICE BELIEVE THAT ALLEGED MLN COMMUNIQUE NO. 10 (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) IS NOT REPEAT NOT AUTHENTIC. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTE'S THREAT OR TO STATUS OF FLY OR GOMIDE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

2. POLICE/MILITARY SEARCHES CONTINUING TODAY BUT NOW UNDER NEW CONDITIONS, THAT IS, UNDER THE LIFTING BY CONGRESS OF INDIVIDUAL GUARANTEES AS REPORTED YESTERDAY.

3. IN WHAT MAY BE IMPORTANT OPERATION POLICE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON CAPTURED ANDRES CULTELLI CHIRBAU LONG KNOWN AND WANTED AS MEMBER OF TUPAMAROS. CULTELLI ARRESTED WHILE LEAVING A CHURCH. HIS PEUGEOT TRUCK CONTAINED SOME BLOODSTAINS AND POLICE INVESTIGATING TO SEE WHETHER VEHICLE WAS USED IN MITRIONE KIDNAPPING OR KILLING. ARRESTED INSIDE CHURCH AFTER JUST HAVING TALKED TO

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CULTELLI WERE EVANGELIST REVEREND EMILIO CASTRO POMBO, WELL-KNOWN AS ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF LEFTIST CAUSES, AND FATHER CESAR ASLAIN MARQUEZ, ONE OF THE THREE PRIESTS WHO OFFERED COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO KIDNAPPINGS LAST WEEK ON TELEVISION.

4. STEADY FLOW OF VISITORS WISHING TO EXPRESS THEIR CONDOLENCES AND SIGN BOOK CONTINUES. VICE PRESIDENT ABDALA LED SENATORIAL DELEGATION TO VISIT ME THIS MORNING. CABINET MEMBERS AND DIGNATORIES AS WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC CONTINUE TO CALL AND EXPRESS SENTIMENTS.

5. REPORT OF MY MEETING THIS MORNING WITH MINISTERS FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERIOR, AND STAFFS, RE GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION AND PROTECTION EMBASSY STAFF FOLLOWS SEPTEL.
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